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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE - ELECTION OF BUREAU AND
COMMITTEE OFFICERS

1. CONFERENCE OFFICER ISSUE SETTLED LATE WEDNESDAY AFTER
EXTENSIVE NEGOTIATION WITHIN AND BETWEEN WEO'S AND GROUP OF
77. DECISION, WHICH ACCEPTED BY GROUP B, NOT FULLY
SATISFACTORY BUT AGREED TO IN ORDER GET ON WITH BUSINESS
OF CONFERENCE AND AVOID CRITICISM WHICH WAS CERTAIN TO
DEVELOP.

2. BUREAU OF CONFERENCE THUS AS FOLLOWS: PRESIDENT, ITALY
(MEDICI); VICE PRESIDENTS: NIGERIA, GHANA, ALGERIA, SUDAN,
CHINA, INDONESIA, IRAN, SAUDI ARABIA, BANGLADESH, HUNGARY,
POLAND, USSR, CUBA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, VENEZUELA,
CANADA, JAPAN, AND SWITZERLAND. RAPPORTEUR GENERAL
PAKISTAN (KHAN).

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3. COMMITTEE I: CHAIRMAN, SIERRA LEONE (JABATI); VICE

CHAIRMEN, PERU (SACO), GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, AND INDIA (LATTER ALSO TO HAVE SOME RAPPOREUR RESPONSIBILITIES); RAPPOREUR: SWEDEN.

4. COMMITTEE II: CHAIRMAN, US (MOREY, AT REQUEST GROUP B); VICE CHAIRMEN: ROMANIA, ZAMBIA AND SRI LANKA; RAPPOREUR, COLOMBIA.

5. COMMITTEE III: CHAIRMAN, ARGENTIAN; VICE CHAIRMEN - MOROCCO, BELGIUM AND YUGOSLAVIA; RAPPOREUR, BULGARIA.

6. RATHER THAN SEE CONFERENCE WORK DELAYED BEYOND ALL REASON, GROUP B DECIDED ACCEPT ABOVE SLATE. IN DOING SO, GROUP CHAIRMAN, BY AGREEMENT, EXPLAINED DECISION WAS BASED ON DESIRE NOT THREATEN SUCCESS OF CONFERENCE. IT WAS TAKEN RELUCTANTLY AND SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS A PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS. HE EXPLAINED UNFORTUNATE SITUATION PROBABLY HAD RESULTED FROM INSUFFICIENT CONTACT WITH GROUP OF 77, AND HE HOPED SPIRIT OF CONSIDERATION AND COOPERATION WOULD PREVAIL THROUGHOUT CONFERENCE. (NOTE: LATTER NOT COMPLETELY ACCURATE SINCE PROBLEM WAS REALLY WITHIN GROUP OF 77 AND NOT BETWEEN IT AND WEO'S.)

7. THE CHAIR THEN ANNOUNCED THAT THE DELAYED COMMITTEES (I AND II) WOULD MEET IMMEDIATELY. THESE THEN BEGAN IN THE DESIGNATED ROOMS, BUT IN PLENARY ALGERIA (SUPPORTED BY MEXICO) AND SOCIALIST SPOKESMAN MADE FOR THE RECORD STATEMENTS TO EFFECT THEY HAD EARNESTLY SOUGHT TO REACH FULL AGREEMENT WITH GROUP B.

8. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ELECTION OF OFFICERS, COMMITTEE I MET TO ORGANIZE. AFTER EXTENDED DISCUSSIONS OF MODUS OPERANDI, FINALLY AGREED TO PROCEED WITH CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION I-5 AND HAVE "FRIENDS OF RAPPOREUR" BEGIN WORK ON DRAFT DECLARATION FOR CONFERENCE. MEMBERSHIP OF FRIENDS TO BE BY GROUP, WITH 77 MEMBERSHIP BROKEN DOWN BY REGION. UN ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL PILET SPOKE TO COMMITTEE OF NEED TO UTILIZE WOMEN MORE FULLY IN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, WHICH WILL REQUIRE FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN INSTITUTIONS.

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9. COMMITTEE II, UNDER MOREY CHAIRMANSHIP, HELD USEFUL ORGANIZATION SESSION. IT DECIDED ALLOW DELEGATES ADDRESS SPECIFIC PROPOSAL IN INDIVIDUAL OR COMPREHENSIVE STATEMENTS, BUT ASKED THAT COUNTRY STATEMENTS BE MADE IN PLENARY, NOT IN THE COMMISSION. COMMITTEE SET NOON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, AS DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION ANY NEW PROPOSALS AND CHAIRMAN CAUTIONED

DELEGATES RE LARGE AMOUNT OF WORK TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN
RELATIVELY SHORT TIME REMAINING. VOLPE

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